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11. Turkmenistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 17 under cover of a diplomatic note forwarded a letter from Minister of Defense Agageldi Mammetgeldiyev responding to Ref A request urging the Government of Turkmenistan to submit its Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation annual declaration by March 31, 2008. The letter reads as follows:

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The Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Turkmenistan and, in accordance with the annual declaration "nil form," has the honor to inform you that there are no ballistic missiles in Turkmenistan.

Moreover, Turkmenistan does not have its own program of ballistic missiles and does not participate in other programs.

Joining the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (signed in The Hague on November 25, 2002), Turkmenistan precisely performs the requirements of this document.

Respectfully,

Minister A. Mammetgeldiyev

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